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SUBJECT: *RAOUL WALLENBERG'S SISTER APPEALS TO  
GORBACHEV, REAGAN*

1. THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED OCTOBER 29 FROM RAOUL WALLENBERG'S SISTER NINA LAGERGREN COPIES OF LETTERS SHE HAD WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SECRETARY GORBACHEV SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT'S RAISING WALLENBERG'S FATE IN GENEVA AND APPEALING TO GORBACHEV TO USE THE OCCASION TO "MAKE A GESTURE OF COMPASSION TO SET HIM FREE." THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN IS CO-SIGNED BY WALLENBERG'S HALF-BROTHER GUY VON DARDEL. TEXTS OF THE LETTERS ARE TRANSMITTED AS PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 OF THIS TELEGRAM.

2. SWEDISH INTEREST IN THE WALLENBERG CASE HAS BEEN PERKED BY THE PRIME TIME PRESENTATION OF THE CBS-TV MINI-SERIES "RAOUL WALLENBERG: LOST HERO" ON SWEDISH TV OCTOBER 15 AND 16. TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS WITH WALLENBERG'S BUDAPEST COLLABORATOR PER ANGER, WITH  
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SWEDES AND AMERICANS WHO HAVE INVESTIGATED THE CASE AND

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WITH HUNGARIAN JEWS RESCUED BY WALLENBERG SUPPLEMENTED THE DRAMATIZATION. AMONG THOSE MENTIONING WALLENBERG RECENTLY WAS LIBERAL PARTY LEADER BENGT WESTERBERG, WHO CALLED ON PRESIDENT REAGAN TO BRING UP THE CASE WITH GORBACHEV.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO REAGAN:  
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

OCTOBER 5, 1981, WHEN YOU DECLARED OUR BROTHER RAOUL WALLENBERG HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS A MILESTONE IN THE WORLDWIDE EFFORTS FOR RAOUL. WE SHALL NEVER FORGET THIS EVENT WHICH GAVE US SO MUCH HOPE FOR RAOUL'S RELEASE. BUT RAOUL IS STILL LANGUISHING SOMEWHERE IN THE GULAG.

IN AMERICA ALONE ABOUT 60 MILLIONS, IN APRIL LAST, WATCHED THE CBS-MINISERIES "RAOUL WALLENBERG, LOST HERO", A FILM THAT IS NOW BEING SHOWN THROUBHOUT THE WORLD. SO WHEN YOU MEET MR. GORBACHEV IN NOVEMBER AND URGE HIM TO SET RAOUL FREE, THE WHOLE WORLD IS BEHIND YOU.

IT IS, OF COURSE, AN ADVANTAGE THAT MR. GORBACHEV HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED, AND HE MIGHT THEREFORE BE PREPARED TO MAKE THE GESTURE WE HAVE BEEN LONGING FOR SINCE 1945. SUCH A GESTURE MIGHT ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WEST.

WITH BEST WISHES TO YOU AND MRS. REAGAN,

SINCERELY YOURS,  
NINA LAGERGREN                      GUY VON DARDEL  
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END TEXT.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO GORBACHEV:  
HONORABLE MR. GORBACHEV:

I AM THE SISTER OF RAOUL WALLENBERG WHO HAS SPENT 40 YEARS IN SOVIET PRISONS, AND WHO IS SAID TO BE STILL ALIVE.

IN VIEW OF YOUR FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

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REAGAN, WHO MADE MY BROTHER HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE  
UNITED STATES ON THE 5TH OF OCTOBER, 1985 (SIC), I  
APPEAL TO YOU TO MAKE A GESTURE OF COMPASSION TO SET HIM  
FREE. YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF A WHOLE WORLD'S ACCLAIM.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
NINA LAGERGREN  
END TEXT.  
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